

**Design and Access Statement DC//12/2310/FUL/FUL
Proposed Installation of Temporary Office Space
At St Marys University College, 268 Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX**

Introduction

This application has been made for temporary accommodation to facilitate the internal reconfiguration and refitting of adjacent staff accommodation. The application details the installation, for 3 year period, of 2 no Portakabin structures. The Portakabins will be installed on existing hard standing currently used for car and bicycle parking. At the end of their use the structures will be removed and the sites returned to their original use.

Locations

The two locations have been selected to be visually unobtrusive. Neither site can be seen from off site or a public right of way. The western cabin sits in a current service area to which views are restricted. The eastern cabin is visible from areas within in the campus these views are proposed to be mitigated by the proposed installation of a number of pre-grown plant screens.

Materials

The cabins are standard finish Plastisol sheeting in a neutral, light grey colour, with window and door detailing in black. The planters around the eastern unit are of timber construction.

Access

The units have been located in positions that do not impede existing pedestrian and vehicular routes. The decanting and re-location of staff has been planned to ensure all users of the cabins are capable and agreeable to using the units. Staff and students who have mobility impairment will not be required to use the cabins.

Planting

The eastern cabin will be partially screened by a series of "Hedera Screens". These screens are pre-grown mature screens of *Hedera helix*, installed as ground mounted timber planters screening to a full height of 3 metres. These screens will mitigate the visual impact of the eastern cabin to users of the campus.

Decommissioning

Upon completion of the works to adjacent buildings the cabins will be decommissioned and removed from site. The sites will be jet washed and returned to their current use.

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